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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Lynch, Ciccone, and Walaska

Date Introduced: March 03, 2015

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 45-24.5 of the General Laws entitled "Waste Water Management  
2     Districts" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **45-24.5-6. Connections to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across city and**  
4     **town lines. -- Notwithstanding any other state or local law or regulation to the contrary, those**  
5     **facilities in the state of Rhode Island, except for communities on Aquidneck Island, that currently**  
6     **discharge wastewater from an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system that do not have**  
7     **reasonable access to an available sewer within the city or town where the property is located, are**  
8     **hereby authorized to construct, use, operate, maintain and repair a sanitary sewer line (and any**  
9     **necessary pump or lift station equipment) connecting to a neighboring city or town sanitary sewer**  
10    **line in lieu of continuing to utilize their existing on-site wastewater treatment and disposal, upon**  
11    **the following conditions:**

12           **(1) The construction, use, operation, maintenance and repair of such sanitary sewer line**  
13    **shall be subject to the issuance of all required state approvals, permits and licenses; and local**  
14    **approvals and permits, and licenses to the extent such local approvals, permits and licenses are**  
15    **not inconsistent with the foregoing authorization;**

16           **(2) The neighboring city or town sanitary line is in closer proximity to the property than**  
17    **the city or town sanitary line wherein the property is located;**

18           **(3) The cost to connect to the in-city or in-town sanitary sewer line is significantly greater**  
19    **than connection to the neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line closest to the subject property;**

1           (4) The neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line has capacity as determined by the  
2 host sewer authority to accept the additional flow; and

3           (5) Not allowing the connection would result in a potential or continuing environmental  
4 detriment.

5           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize connection to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across  
2 city and town lines under certain circumstances.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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